

continues to be a major share of the company's sales.

As part of the company's expansion efforts, it diversified its product offerings to include pet products. Seeing increased opportunity in the pet segment, VSI purchased LA Pet, a primary pet food distributor, in 2001. With the acquisition, VSI became a one-stop supply option for all pet items needed by any retailer. VSI also expanded its efforts internationally when it teamed with a Chinese customer, Alix Co., to establish ASI, Animal Supplies International, which imported products into the U.S. VSI then became the owner of ASI and its sister company, JC Logistics, JCL—a freight forwarding company which moves containers for importing and exporting. With involvement in ASI and JCL, VSI became internationally connected.

In 2004, Dr. Woodward passed away, and John Scheuber succeeded him as the President and CEO.

The focus on innovation by VSI's founders established a solid foundation for the company, as well as a culture for success that remains today. The company not only supports the growing agricultural industry, but it has established a standard of employee relations which has greatly contributed to the company's success and positioned it for strong growth in the future. The four original stockholders established a company that thrives because of its successful strategy to retain talented employees. It introduced an innovative and motivational Profit Sharing Plan in 1972; and in 1991, it developed an Employee Stock Ownership Program, which enables each employee to own corporate stock.

Today, at 52 years strong, VSI and its 220 employee-owners continue to provide quality products and customer-driven service for all segments of the animal health industry. VSI continues to be a strong supporter of the community, as well as a leader in the agricultural industry.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising VSI, Veterinary Services Inc., for their significant contributions to agriculture and to the people of our local community.

#### HONORING MS. SYLVIA JONES

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young woman, Ms. Sylvia Jones. Sylvia was raised in Belzoni, Mississippi, by her parents, Marvin and Timaka Jones.

Sylvia has always strived for excellence. Her committed determination has earned her the Principal Scholar awards. Her high school grade point average is 3.70, putting her at the top of Humphreys County High School Class of 2012, and earning her the title of Valedictorian.

Sylvia has worked hard and has been active in different sports and organizations since she was in elementary school. During her high school years, she played basketball and served as a leader among her peers. She also played, softball, tennis, and ran track, which led to many athletic awards including the Coach's Award, Best Offensive Player, mem-

ber of the All-District team throughout the Delta, and named the #2 player in the Delta. Sylvia is a member of the Senior Beta Club, Student Council Association, and Students Making a Change (SMAC). In August 2012, Sylvia plans to attend Jackson State University and major in Mathematics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sylvia Jones for her determination and strive for excellence in education and leadership.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE TWIN LIGHTS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Twin Lights Historical Site in Highlands, New Jersey on the occasion of their 150th anniversary celebration. The current structure, built in 1862, was commissioned by the United States Light House Board in the 1850s to provide the waters surrounding New York Harbor with a more permanent structure and to replace the existing structures which had fallen into disrepair.

Prior to the 1820s, the only lighthouse in the area surrounding New York Harbor was the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. However, with the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, Congress realized the need for an additional structure in the area of New York Harbor to ensure ships had an additional tool they could use to safely navigate the treacherous waters off Northern New Jersey. In 1828, two structures were constructed on the current site of the Twin Lights, but in the 1850s, the U.S. Light House Board realized there was a need for a more permanent structure in the location of Highlands, New Jersey. In 1862, the permanent structure as it stands was completed. The Twin Lights, named for the dual Fresnel lenses which were placed in two adjacent towers, began to emanate light from the hillside of Highlands, New Jersey.

In addition to its significance as a navigation tool for ships in the New York Harbor, the site was also home to several important and historical moments in U.S. history. In 1893, the site was chosen for the first reading of the pledge of allegiance. In 1898, the south tower of Twin Lights was electrified, and became the only on-shore lighthouse in the U.S. to have its own generator. Guglielmo Marconi in 1899 tested his telegraph technology at the site, where it became evident that this new form of communication would revolutionize the way people communicated. By the 1930s and 1940s, the role of Twin Lights began to diminish, as new technologies began to emerge. However, during the 1940s, Twin Lights was chosen by the U.S. government as the primary location to test radar technology, something which played a pivotal role in helping the U.S. and its allies obtain victory in World War II. In 1962, the Twin Lights Historic Site was transferred to the authority of the State of New Jersey, and is currently on the State and National Registry of Historic Places. Although the towers of Twin Lights were decommissioned in 1952, the light of the south tower still shines today as a navigational tool for private navigators.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in celebration of the Twin Lights Historic Site's 150th anniversary celebration. The Twin Lights Historic Site has played a pivotal role in American and New Jersey history, and it is with great pleasure that I am able to join them in their celebration.

#### HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE WORKS OF MRS. NORMA SIAS

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Mrs. Norma Sias. Mrs. Sias is a living testament to what can be done through hard work, perseverance and dedication.

Born July 24, 1943 to parents Leodis and Ukele York in Leona, Mississippi, Mrs. Sias is a graduate of Jordan High School in Carthage, Mississippi and current resident of Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Norma obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Literature in 1966 from Jackson State University after which she began teaching at Henry Weathers High School in Rolling Fork. After four years of teaching English, Mrs. Sias became Librarian at Henry Weathers in 1970 and then later returned to Jackson State University to continue her studies in Library Science.

After completing her work at Jackson State University, Norma then ventured on to receive her Masters in Library Science from Delta State University, to shortly thereafter become Librarian of Anguilla High School, until she retired after 34 years of service in 2004.

In addition to her work as Librarian, Mrs. Sias serves as the president of the South Delta Retired Education Personnel office, secretary of the Issaquena Credit Union and secretary of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

She is also an active member of Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she continues to work as a civil servant, participating in countless public service activities.

Mrs. Norma Sias has been married to Mr. Melvin Sias for 41 years to their union they have one daughter, Melanie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Norma Sias for her dedication to serving our great her community and Sharkey County Schools.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BRIAN ROTHSCILD

#### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Brian Rothschild on his receipt of the 2012 Prince Henry Society Award. On October 20, he will be recognized for his contributions to the maritime and fishing industries.

Dr. Rothschild has long dedicated his life in pursuit of better science and instruction. He